

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS
NEWSLETTER



Forthcoming Events

- Dec. 3 - Spaghetti Supper
- Advent Penitential Service
- Dec. 9-10 - NSOCL meeting
- Dec. 18 - Birthday Party for Jesus
- Dec. 28 - Diocesan Winter Youth Gathering - Webster, MA
- Jan. 8 - Traditional Polish Christmas Dinner
- Jan 30 - Red Cross Blood Drive
- Feb 5 - Pancake Breakfast
- Feb. 26 - Annual Parish meeting

**Christmas Worship
Schedule:**

- Advent Wednesdays - Rorate Mass at 7:00 A.M.
- Dec. 24 - 10:00 P.M. Shepherd's Mass
- Dec. 25 - 8:30 A.M. Christmas Day Mass
- Dec 26 (St. Stephen) 27 (St. John) & 28 (Holy Innocents - Mass 8:30 A.M.
- Jan 1 - Circumcision of our Lord Holy Mass 8:30 A.M.
- Jan. 6 - 8:30 A.M. Epiphany—Holy Mass with blessing of chalk & incense

CONSECRATION OF OUR NEW DIOCESAN
BISHOP PAUL SOBIECHOWSKI

Bishop Paul Sobiechowski was born in Detroit, Michigan and spent his formative years at All Saints Parish (PNCC). He graduated from Wayne State University in 1975 with a degree in history and Polish language. He completed his studies at Savonarola Theological Seminary and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 2, 1979.

After ordination, Bishop Paul served as an assistant at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL for four and half years and then served as pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Davie, Florida from December of 1983 until the present. He also served as administrator of the Bishop Kardas Memorial Home during this time.

Our new diocesan bishop has served the church in many capacities: Chairman of the Mission & Evangelism Commission, Supreme Council, National Liturgical Commission, PNCC-RC Dialogue. He celebrates liturgies in



Fr. Rob and Bishop Paul Sobiechowski following his consecration on October 18, 2011 in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.

Polish, English and Spanish.

Bishop Paul married the former Karen Kiska on May 28, 1982 and they have one son, Luke.

Fr. Rob served as one of

the Masters of Ceremony for the Consecration Liturgy, prepared the consecration booklet and Bishop Paul asked Fr. Rob to be the Master of Ceremonies for the Consecration Banquet.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS
WELCOMED!!!

Blessed Trinity is excited to welcome Alexandria (row 1 on the left), Natalie (row 1 on the right) and Konrad (row 2 towering over Fr. Rob on the right) as new Altar Servers.

We thank Eric and Cliff for their instruction and good example. It won't be long we hope until we see Amanda, Amelia, Dylan, Gabby, Jakeb, Vicki and Zack joining them!!!



DAVID BARNES 2011 BLESSED TRINITY PARISH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

David Barnes was the recipient of a 2011 Blessed Trinity Parish scholarship of \$500.00. David is currently in his fourth year of studies at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida.

David is a Cinema Studies major and hopes to find full time employment at Disney World where he has been working part-time for several years now.

In high school David was active in the parish as a Lector, collector, choir member (playing the clarinet and saxophone) and member of the youth group.

This scholarship was presented on Sunday, November 13, 2011 and is the 40th Scholarship given at Blessed Trinity through the years.

We congratulate David and wish him all the best as he continues his studies.



David Barnes at work in Disney World

December 25, 2011

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

“I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11

ADVENT — LONGING, WATCHING, WAITING

Advent is a blended season, a mixture of hope, repentance, anticipation and joy. We know that Christ has already come, establishing his Kingdom through his life, death and resurrection. But Christ will come again in glory to establish His Kingdom in its fullness. Meanwhile, Christ comes to all who are

willing to make a place for Him in their hearts.

Our Advent models are Isaiah who yearned for the coming of the Lord, John the Baptist who announced the presence of Christ, and Mary who was transformed by grace. Like Isaiah, we look forward to Christ's glorious return. Like John, we recognize

Christ's presence among us and our need for repentance. And like Mary, we seek to accept the will of God in order to make a place for Christ in our hearts. And allow His will to be done in us.

Come explore God's Word during Holy Mass Sundays at 8:30 am.



THANKSGIVING BRUNCH & PARCEL POST AUCTION

On Sunday Nov. 13 our Scholarship Committee held their Thanksgiving Brunch and Parcel Post Auction. Thanks to Jessica and her crew for an outstanding brunch!!!



Eric and Cliff run the Parcel post Auction to help raise over \$1,000 for our parish scholarship committee.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT CONTINUES WITH RESURRECTION WINDOW

The first week of November saw the beginning of the installation of our next stained glass window depicting the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Six of the nine panels have been installed and it is hoped that the window will be completely installed by Christmas.

We are excited to announce that to date all of the large windows have been donated. The next window to be installed will depict the Crucifixion and the third large window – the Last Supper. Also, two of the four back windows have been donated as well.

Thanks and appreciation are given to our stained glass window committee for their fine work.



January 8, 2012

The Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

“So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger ... the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.”

Luke 2:16,20

KEEP CHRIST AT THE HEART OF YOUR LIFE

As we prepare to celebrate yet again the birth of Christ—let us make sure that we keep our Lord at the center of our Christmas celebration and our lives. As He is reborn into our hearts and lives this Christmas season let us make sure His presence is evident in our daily living as we labor to Live and Spread His saving Gospel and build His Kingdom.

A Christmas Prayer: Emmanuel, God-with-us, as we celebrate Your birth in this season of Christmas, we pray that You may be born anew in our hearts. Help us to see Your face more clearly in our brothers and sisters so that we can serve one another with greater love and compassion. Reflecting on the miracle of Your birth, may we rediscover the

wonder and beauty of all human life, at every stage of existence. May the peace of Your presence spread throughout the world this Christmas season. Amen.

Christmas Gift Idea— Church World Service catalogues available in the hallway. Help those in need throughout our world. Our PNCC is a member of Church World Service.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR POLISH FOOD MAKING

Many thanks are expressed to those who help prepare our Polish Food for our annual Food Fest this past fall. Over 14 days our volunteers made our Polish delicacies and homemade braided breads. We are grateful for the volunteers who help make yet another successful Polish Food Fest for the benefit of our parish. Thanks to our new dough rollers, pierogi makers and bread braiders too - they did a great job!



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Kitchen orders, sweet shop ready and serving dessert at our 2011 Polish Food Fest.

2011 ANNUAL POLISH FOOD FEST

The last weekend in October our parish held its annual Polish Food Fest. Another great success for the parish.

Hundreds attended the Food Fest on Oct. 28 & 29 enjoying our famous Polish food with our new kielbasa sub being a great hit. The parish raised more than \$10,000 again this year.

We thank our Polish Food Fest Committee : Joanne Oliveira, Chairperson; Joyce Maslanka, Vice-Chairperson; Ted Plocica, Treasurer; Paul Pacheco, Publicity; Judy Sarna & Bev

Sadeck, Kitchen; Jessica Pacheco & Vasco Pacheco, Take Out .

Thanks are also extended to all who helped prepare the homemade pierogi, golab-

ki, cabbage soup, babka braided breads, chrust, Kolachi (nuts rolls), baked goods, sold tickets, attended and invited others to our annual Polish Food Fest.



A full house Friday night during our annual Polish Food Fest - We thank all those who supported this great undertaking for our parish!